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1. FY 1980 SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (UNCLASSIFIED)

THE PROCESS OF FORMULATING THE FY 1980 SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BEGAN WITH A BRIEFING FOR MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REVIEW WORKING GROUP (SAPRWG) LAST WEEK. CONCERNED DESKS ARE NOW IN THE THROES OF PREPARING THE ZBB DECISION PACKAGES FOR SUBMISSION TO RA BY AUGUST 2. THE INTEGRATED SECURITY ASSISTANCE ASSESSMENTS RECEIVED FROM OUR POSTS LAST WEEK ARE INDISPENSABLE IN THIS TASK. WE WILL UNDERTAKE THE RANKING OF THE VARIOUS COUNTRY

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PACKAGES AND, AFTER OBTAINING YOUR CLEARANCE, FORWARD THE ENTIRE BUNDLE TO PM BY THEIR DEADLINE OF AUGUST 7. THE CRUCIAL DATES AFTER THAT ARE AUGUST 16, WHEN THE SAPRWG MEETS TO CRITIQUE OUR SUBMISSION, AND AUGUST 30, WHEN THE

WORLDWIDE RANKING IS CONSIDERED. BASED ON THE EXPERIENCE OF LAST YEAR A GOOD DEAL OF BLOOD WILL BE SPILLED DURING

THESE SESSIONS. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE WE MUST DEFEND OURSELVES AGAINST THOSE WITH FUNCTIONAL MANAGEMENT INTERESTS SUCH AS OMB, HA, ETC. IN THE SECOND, WE MUST CONTEND WITH THOSE WITH REGIONAL INTERESTS WHO WOULD WANT MALAWI MOVED AHEAD OF INDONESIA, GUATEMALA AHEAD OF KOREA, ETC.

2. DIVERSION OF FY 1978 FMS CREDITS TO KENYA (CONFIDENTIAL)

AT A MONDAY MEETING TO CONSIDER HOW TO IMPLEMENT THE RECENT SCC DECISION TO PROVIDE \$12 MILLION IN FY 1978 FMS CREDITS, IT WAS DECIDED TO RECOMMEND TO THE SECRETARY THAT HE APPROVE DIVERSION OF FUNDS AS FOLLOWS: JORDAN, \$4 MILLION; MOROCCO, \$2 MILLION; MALAYSIA, \$3.5 MILLION; ROC, \$1.5 MILLION; PANAMA, \$1 MILLION. AN HA RECOMMENDATION TO ADJUST THESE FIGURES AND DIVERT \$1 MILLION EACH FROM INDONESIA AND THE PHILIPPINES IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY, BUT IS OPPOSED BY EA AND THE OTHER FUNCTIONAL BUREAUS.

3. REFUGEE DEVELOPMENTS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF THE INDOCHINESE REFUGEE AGENDA PAPER FOR THE US-ASEAN TALKS IS COMPLETE AND CLEARED AND IS NOW BEING PUT INTO PROPER FORM.

AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT YOU SUGGEST TO
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ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL A STOPOVER IN THAILAND OR MALAYSIA WHEN HE MAKES A TRIP TO INDIA NEXT MONTH. IT WOULD BE A VALUABLE CHANCE FOR JUDGE BELL TO SEE THE REFUGEE SITUATION FIRST-HAND, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE HAS BEEN THINKING IN THAT DIRECTION.

THE HOUSE HAS APPROVED A MEASURE THAT INTER ALIA WOULD COMBINE THE EASTERN AND WESTERN HEMISPHERE PREFERENCE QUOTAS INTO ONE WORLD-WIDE QUOTA. THIS MIGHT ENABLE HABITUALLY-UNDERUTILIZED WESTERN HEMISPHERE 7TH PREFERENCE (CONDITIONAL ENTRY) NUMBERS TO BE ADDED TO THE EXISTING PAROLE NUMBERS ALREADY AVAILABLE FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. REP. EILBERG STATED DURING THE HOUSE DEBATE THAT HE HOPED THAT THE NUMBERS MADE AVAILABLE WOULD BE USED FOR BOAT REFUGEES. THIS STATEMENT AND THE SPEED WITH WHICH THE BILL CLEARED THE HOUSE REFLECTS A NEW AWARENESS OF THE URGENCY OF THE BOAT REFUGEE SITUATION RESULTING IN LARGE PART FROM THE EXCELLENT EXPOSURE TO IT GIVEN TO JUDICIARY COMMITTEE STAFFERS WHEN THEY VISITED THAILAND AND MALAYSIA

RECENTLY. THE MEASURE IS PROMISED QUICK TREATMENT IN THE SENATE, BUT WE ARE STILL WORKING WITH HA/ORM, CA

AND INS, AMONG OTHERS, TO DETERMINE WHAT NUMBERS MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE AND WHEN. AT PRESENT, THE PROGNOSIS IS UNFAVORABLE FOR GETTING ANYTHING CONCRETE TO ANNOUNCE AT THE US-ASEAN TALKS, BUT WE ARE PUSHING IT.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS COUNTRY REPORT PROCESS BEGINS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

IN AN EFFORT TO GET A LEG UP ON DRAFTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS FOR SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS AT THE END OF THE YEAR, HA TELLS US IT IS PLANNING TO SEND EACH OF THE REGIONAL BUREAUS AN ILLUSTRATIVE REPORT ON A SELECTED COUNTRY IN ITS AREA. HA WILL ASK FOR REGIONAL BUREAU COMMENTS ON ITS DRAFTS AND THEN PLANS TO NEGOTIATE WITH EACH BUREAU

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IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A "MODEL" FOR THE COUNTRY REPORTS IN AN AREA. IN OUR CASE MARK SCHNEIDER HAS CHOSEN THE PHILIPPINES AS THE MODEL COUNTRY. IN A PRELIMINARY, INFORMAL MOVE, THE WORKING LEVEL IN HA TODAY SENT EA/PHL A PARTIALLY REVISED EDITION OF LAST YEAR'S PHILIPPINE REPORT WITH A REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, WHICH WE WILL PROVIDE AFTER CLEARING WITH BOB OAKLEY. WE SEE SOME MERIT IN THIS EARLY START TO DEVELOP STANDARD APPROACHES TO THESE REPORTS AND TO BEGIN TO IRON OUT DIFFERENCES WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CROP UP. AT THE SAME TIME WE ALSO SEE A NEED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE OTHER REGIONAL BUREAUS TO HELP INSURE THAT EA REPORTS RECEIVE EQUITABLE TREATMENT.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS FIVE ADB LOANS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

WE HAVE JUST BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS WORKING GROUP WILL MEET JULY 27 FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL WEEKS TO DISCUSS A GROUP OF FORTHCOMING ADB LOANS INCLUDING THREE TO THAILAND AND ONE EACH TO INDONESIA, THE PHILIPPINES AND SINGAPORE. THE THAI LOANS ARE: IFCT IV (\$30 MILLION), INLAND FISHERIES (\$14 MILLION), AND THE FOURTH EGAT POWER LOAN (\$36.5 MILLION). THE INDONESIA LOAN IS \$33.5 MILLION FOR BELAWAN PORT PHASE I; THE PHILIPPINE LOAN IS \$60 MILLION FOR FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT; AND THE SINGAPORE LOAN IS \$20 MILLION FOR THE KENT RIDGE HOSPITAL.

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